

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
AUSTIN, Texas, 7th July, 1856. }

Gentlemen of the Senate,

and House of Representatives :

I return herewith, to the Senate, in which it originated, "An Act for the relief of Jesse Dean."

The view that I take of my constitutional duty in approving laws, requires me to examine into the foundation of every claim for the payment of which a special Act is passed.

In the execution of that duty, I, in this case, called on the Secretary of the Senate, in which this Act originated, to learn upon what the claim of Jesse Dean was founded ; but no report of a committee, nor any information in regard to it, could be obtained.

The claim may be a just one, and such as should properly be paid ; but without some information on the subject, I am unwilling to approve this Act, and therefore return it to you for your reconsideration.

E. M. PEASE.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, the communication was made the special order for Saturday, the 12th inst.